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PRESS RELEASE: CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES LUNAR NEW YEAR

Sacramento, CA - Assemblymember Richard Pan (D -Natomas) presented Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 11 on the Assembly Floor to recognize February 3, 2011, as Lunar New Year 4709. ACR 11 passed out with a unanimous vote.

"California is home to over five million Asian Pacific Islander Americans (APIA), making up 14% of the state population," stated Dr. Pan, "With ACR 11, the California State Legislature joins APIA communities from across the state in celebrating February 3rd as Lunar New Year, the year of the rabbit."

During the floor ceremony, Assemblymember Pan shared information regarding the significance of the twelve different animal signs representing the different years of the lunar calendar. In addition, he discussed symbolic gifts and decorations, such as tangerines, red envelopes, and koi fish, used to promote good luck and prosperity during Lunar New Year celebrations.

"ACR 11 reflects the rich cultural and historical diversity of California," continued Dr. Pan, "With ACR 11, I would like to extend my best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous lunar new year to all Californians."

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